

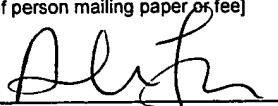
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: BARTELS

In re Application of:)
FRANK BARTELS)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/DE2004/001680)
Int. Filing Date: July 28, 2004)
For: METHOD FOR DISPENSING LIQUID FRAGRANCES AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to B) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/DE2004/001680 and reference C) which is cited in the instant specification. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A) Germany	DE 101 45 954 A	Koehn Harald	04-10-2003
B) USA	US 5 382 410	Peltier	01-17-1995
C) Germany	DE 692 32 096	In-Vironmental	06-20-2002

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

- This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference C) describes a controlled generation of vapors and/or aerosols from liquids by applying a regulated, DC voltage to a wick-like, porous emitter or generator assembly which is supplied with the desired liquid to be vaporized. An electrostatic charge is applied to the liquid by means of an electrode positioned in contact with the wick assembly and connected to the DC power supply. The wick assembly includes a porous, capillary material, such as braided fibers, through which the liquid passes to exposed, vapor-emitting fiber tips. The environment in a room, or enclosed space of any kind, may be aromatically conditioned and/or have

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its quality modified and enhanced by using a selected liquid conditioning substance such as an aromatic oil, deodorant, disinfectant, fumigant, fungicide, insecticide, or bactericide.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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